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Examiner acknowledges submission of amendment to the specification and claims filed by Applicants on 09/02/2009. Applicants have perfected their claim for the benefit of prior-filed international application no. PCT/FR05/000713. The effective filing date of the instant application is 03/25/2005. Perfecting the benefit claim also allows Applicants to properly claim priority to French applications 0406404 and 0403203 (filed on 06/14/2004 and 03/29/2004, respectively). The date of foreign priority for the instant application is 03/29/2004.

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